Leading Figures and Paramount Issues in Coming French Election

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Poincare Not Seeking Reelection, Jules Pam Looms as Powerful Candidate in Event Clemenceau Declines to Run

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foolishly induce us to believe is still possessed of all his intellectual gor, his political electrons and re-urcefulness and his keepness of nt by announcing general Parntary elections for next October

mattre" a master stroke. It is nothing more nor less than an appeal by him to the nation against a legislative chamber, which has long since ceased to represent the people and whose constitutional mandate of four years ceased nearly eighteen months ago. Under normal circumstances the Chamber should have passed out of existence in the spring of last year, and if the Clemenceau Government seented to the prolongation of its were instead of dissolving it it was suse of the difficulty of holding a peral election while the war was those who were best entitled by their military services in the field to ex-press their views and their wishes were precluded from casting their vote. deed, the present Chamber has only sen allowed to linger on as a war

Now that peace with Germany has been signed at Versailles its continued existence verges on illegality and is ntrary to the spirit and letter of the died to realize this. They did not sem to appreciate the fact that the continuance of the tenure of their seats in the Palais Bourbon was dependent upon the good will of the Premier, of his Cabinet and of the President of the Republic. Of late they have shown themselves more than ordinarily obstructive and disposed to hamper the Government in its task of reconstruction. Losing patience, Premier Clemenceau has now secured the consent of the President to the holding of the new elections in October.

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This has the effect of putting the ent Chamber out of existence and, entally, deprives it of playing any role in the Presidential election which is slated for next February. What this means will be understood when it is pointed out that in France the Chief Magistrate of the Republic, instead of being nominated or elected by the people, or by delegates specially chosen for the purpose, as in the United States, is elected by 55th houses of the national legislature, in joint session at Varsailles.

lantly and so untiringly for France on the various battlefields and among those dear to them that it may safely be predicted that the political com-plexion of the next Chamber will be a very different one to that which may escribed as being now on its death-If one may judge by the attipersonal gain and advancement, men. one word, who stand for something mere carpet bag politicians, dependent pon their legislative pay and preroga-

tives and the pickings.

The present Chamber is very largely Socialist: aided and abetted by a con-siderable faction of advanced Radi-cals, who are inclined to yote with the Socialists, for the purpose of upset-ting the existing Government, either the hope of securing power for aking venscance upon those whom they regard

through the war to a speedy and suc-cessful conclusion they were con-

At the Parting of the Ways.

France in October next will find herof at the parting of the ways and will be called upon to determine what her future course will be in domestic and also in international affairs.

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It is not generally realized that the first Europeans authentically known to shard to get the boys to work in the hosy to work in the save entered our harbor were those sailing under the auspices of the terench, a pickars struck a far or vase, which standing at \$6\$ in the shade, "and there was it any shade," as Santest supen by Santest supen proposition and the non-come had to shoot it into its proposition and the non-come had to spite of the terrible experiences of the terrible experiences of the terrible experiences of the internationalization of Sectalizm and in the spite of labor, which advocates the internationalization of Sectalizm and in the spite of the terrible experiences of the internationalization of sectalize and the section of labor, which advocates the top and about thirty of them were working in what seemed and of labor, which advocates the top and about thirty of them the command of labor, which advocates the top and at the section of the detail digging that was so hot that it was and it was not that the boys to work in the set to set the boys to work in the boys to work in the set to set the boys to work in the to set the boys to work in the set of the ternch, a pickar struck a far trans. The coin is of gold, about as thick hat the struck of the ternch, a pickar struck a far trans of the corners of the ternch, a sailing under the auspices of the ternch, a pickar struck a far transmit to get the boys to nd of labor, which advocates the "we were warrang in what received in the boys dig. They couldn't dig fast and third quarters. In chief is a six razzano wrote to Francis I. And the enough we dust for the hind us, about 500 yards distant, was enough. We dug the whole place over, rayed sun. The legend, which begins river he named Vendome.

"Like these coins of Francis I.

This is what the French call a "coup

JULES PAMS, MINISTER OF The INTERIOR IN THE CLEMENCEAU GOVERNMENT AND A PRESIDENTIAL "DARK HORSE" which, above all, demands in the most vigorous fashion a radical modifica-

tion of the conditions of peace im-posed upon Germany, as calculated to interfere with its projects for interna-

Of course their doctrines will ap other allied countries—to a class which it is pointed out that in France the expected too much from the results of chief magnitude of the Republic, instead of being nominated or elected by the people, or by delegates specially chosen for the purpose, as inchis United States, is elected by 56th houses of the mational legislature, it joint session at Versallies.

The Outcome Deubtful.

It is difficult to assert with any degree of certainty what will be the outcome of this popular referendum. For that is what the general election in October next is destined to be. There has been such a degree of bit. There has been such a degree of bit. There has been such a degree of the the such as the present Chamber of Deputies on the part of those milions or wealth, but increased of Deputies on the part of those milions or wealth, but increased to live and the present chamber of Deputies on the part of those milions or wealth, but increased to live and the present chamber of Deputies on the part of those milions or wealth, but increased to live and the present chamber of Deputies on the part of those milions of pollus who have fought the remains to be seen whether of Deputies on the part of those milions of pollus who have fought the remains to be seen whether claxation or wealth, but increased to live and the present chamber of Deputies on the part of those milions of pollus who have fought and bled for their country during the great war. For most of the hardships which they have endured, for the hunger and thirst and insufficient proremain at the head of the Cabinet. It is hossible that he may feel that havother allied countries-to a class which

toll, hardship and penury. Naturally they are disposed to lend an ear to the arguments of Socialism. which they have endured for the hundred toll, hardship and penury. Naturally ger and thirst and insufficient pro-

nished by that higher and lower bourgeoisie and farming elements which
constitute the backbone of France. The constitute the backbone of France. The latter is essentially a country of small from the Palais Bourbon that visited capitalists and small landowners— from the Palais Bourbon that visited there are no less than 6,000,000 of the the front to satisfy their curiosity and tude of the so-called Councils General, that is to say the Provincial Diets, who enjoy the privilege of electing the members of the Senate, the next Chamber will witness the return of an entirely different class of men—of men who represent the material interests of the nation, who have something of the nation, who have something personal gain and advancement, men, there are no less than 6,000,000 of the latter. Wealth and land are more latter. Wealth and land are more equitably divided in France than in any other country in Europe. Every man who owns even an acre or two of land or who has a few thousand franca put by may be classed as a property owner who has a stake in the welfage of the nation, who have something property and to air their importance went there at the risk of their lives, so infuriately were not alone the soldlers but also their officers against these men, whom they regarded as responsible for all their troubles.

Had it not bear to satisfy their curiosity and to air their importance went there at the risk of their lives, so infuriately were not alone the soldlers but also their officers against these men, who have something of the nation, in the maintenance of that law and order which alone furnish personal gain and advancement, men. protection of life and property, and to whom, therefore, the teachings of Socialism and of Bolshevism are to the but several military pronunciamentos last degree abhorrent.

main body of the electorate for the Palais Bourbon. The soldiers who Provincial Councils, and while quite served at the front may be relied upon the new year.

adequate supplies and ammunition, The other side of the picture is furthey hold the present Chamber of

simed not so much at the Government These are the people who form the as against the hated occupants of the

is possible that he may feel that hav-ing endowed the nation with a victorious peace, a peace that has tory-he has completed his task and would prefer to commit to younger hands, preferably to those of his principal and most able collaborator, economic reconstruction of the nation. The feeling of gratitude entertained for him by the French people as a whole, and especially by the army, past end present, is still so great that if he were to announce his candidature for the Presidency of the republic in next February he would undoubtedly carry the day. For the various legislative constituencies would exact from their candidates a pledge to cast their votes

PRESIDENT POINCARE It would be a fitting and extremely is quite on the cards that it may be honorable climax to his extraordinary career, and would be welcomed, not countrymen. in high honor and regard, but also in the United States, where he spent sev-

the great war.

forced upon him by his grateful fellow

That Raymond Poincaré will offer himself for reelection for another seven years term at the Elysée Palace, which is the French White House, is There is no doubt that if Georges Presidents Emile Loubet and Armand of mountains.

Clemenceau wishes for the Presidency Fallières, in withdrawing entirely from through this marriage Jules Pams moderate member, adding, "He used he can have it. Whether he will be will- political life. On the contrary, he ining to take it is another question. It tends to seek a seat in the Senate, before. For his first wife brought

Tiger's Master Stroke Against Present Cabinet With Its Obstructionists and Socialists Promises New Face on Politics

him great wealth. She was the daughter and heiress of the multi-million-aire old manufacturer Job, owner of the factories producing the papers used for all cigarettes in France, cigarettes being, like every other form cigarattes being, like every other form of tobacco in that country, a State monopoly. In order to relieve himself of the imputation, at no time pleasant, of being indebted exclusively to marriage for his affuence, Jules Pams invested some money in a tooth wash, which, without much trouble on his part, has turned out to be a perfect gold mine, thanks to skilful and ingenious advertising by his subordinates. He has converted it into a corporation, in which he holds the majority stock, and which is said to net him, in normal times, a

revenue of close upon \$400,000 a year, As for Paul Deschanel, his chances are handicapped by the fact that he remains on record as a defeated candidate in at least three previous elec tions for the Presidency. Son of the eminent and witty Prof. Emile Deschanel of the Sorbonne and of the Senate, Paul Deschanel, while a man of undoubted talent, has always missed being great. He is a dandy in his dress and formerly laid himself open to charges of foppishness and of affec-tation. He is still to-day too well groomed, too measured and too correct, alike in manner and in speech, not to expose himself to suspicions of priggishness and of pose. He lacks that simplicity of character which is the greatest charm of the French neople of high and low degree, and the absence of which always strikes a jarring note. He is in every sense of the word what one would describe as a superficially brilliant man, and while he has studied many subjects he is an authority on none, in spite of which he has managed to secure a seat in the Academy, as one of France's Forty Immortals. It is not surprising that rate amateur actor. Few who see him he was reared in honorable poverty. count for the benefit of his country He has more about him of the Alci-the wonderful and one might almost blades than of the Demosthenes and say the unique experience which he after being reported as the suitor for has acquired of foreign politics in his many a golden hand finally married a capacity as President of the Republic very charming woman of great wealth. who was Mile, Germaine Brice, Like Both Loubet and Fallières were quite President Wilson, Paul Deschanel and old and tired men when they concluded his wife regard thirteen as their lucky their terms of office at the Elysée. But number. Both celebrated their 'rth-Poincaré, who has succeeded in over- day on the 13th of February. The oming much of the prejudice to which bride gave her consent to the marhe was subjected in the first three riage on the 13th day of the month, years of his term, and who may be and the Christian and surnames of said to have lived up to his exalted "Le Beau Paul" and of the lady now office, is still in the prime of life, and his wife are each composed of thir-

does not see why he should be de-parred from earning once more a large income in the profession of law; or Deputies he ranks third in the table from participating in the domestic and of precedence, coming immediately foreign affairs of the nation as a after the president of the Senate. Indeed, the trinity of the President of the Should Clemenceau decline to run Republic, of the president of the Senfor President, the only other candi-dates worthy of consideration, would ate and of the president of the Charnber of Deputies is supposed to constihe Jules Pams, who lost the election tute the national sovereignty in 1918 by a narrow majority, and France.

Aristide Briand.

who is now Minister of the Interior, Paul Deschanel, President of the With regard to Aristide Briand, he Chamber of Deputies, and Aristide Briand, former Premier. Of the three Jules Pams is undoubtedly the most achieved prominence at the bar as the counsel of labor leaders against cap popular. Moreover, he would probably have the backing of Clemenceau, italists. Yet to-day, without having forfeited to any extent the confidence since he was the latter's candidate for the Chief Magistracy of the re- and sympathy of labor in France, and in the Presidential election though retaining the good will of of 1913. He is an extremely hos- many of his former Socialist friends, he is looked upon by capitalists as a pered man, from the south of France. the most conservative forces of Gallio and the only thing that his political adversaries have ever been able to republicanism. Although he drafted bring against him is that two of his the laws for the separation of Church brothers are inmates of lunatic and State in France, yet he is regarded asylums. He recently married, en to-day with relative favor by that joys universal admiration and good unlikely in the extreme. It seems that secondes noces, Mme. Marcel Holtzer Church, to which the masses of his will as the Grand Old Man of France. he has already expressed a desire to of the Chateau of Unieux, in the Defellow countrymen have turned once His election would assuredly impart confidence to the other Powers of the until 1913 he was the acknowledged Entente, as to the perpetuation of the leader—his practice being regarded as policies for which he and they have seen fighting shoulder to shoulder in France. He does not, however, pro- France, that is to say, from the north- although Briand had entered the Adpose to follow the example of ex- eastern slopes of the Pyrenean range ministration as a Socialist be nevertheless proved himself to be the most moderate member, adding, "He used

> A Breton by birth, with all the solld and attractive qualities of his race. that race which from time immems rial has furnished to France her finest many celebrated soldiers. Briand is an Briand of fifteen years ago and the Briand of to-day a great gulf existed The exact date of the coin of Cor- remain the same in my ideas," he retained at this writing, but may yet be ings that are changed. I am adapting

Among the pieces dug up at La istration, Franklin Bouillon, graduate

Doughboys Uncover Pot of Gold Coins 400 Years Old

of gold coins of the mintage of above the roofs of the picturesque as responsible for their being excluded

Francis I., who ruled France in stone houses. There is only one street from office.

They have been responsible for most of the legislative trouble during the tury, coins that had been buried for storied houses on both sides. You war, and not only Premier Clemenceau 400 years, probably, until they were know the Angers district is famous for but his present colleagues and his predecessors at the helm of the ship of state have repeatedly complained, with much right and justice, that instead of being able to devote all their France, is told by Edward Hagaman "Well, as I was saying, we were out time and their energies to carrying Hall, secretary of the Scenic and Pis-

stantly being compelled to waste pro-cious days and even weeks in de-fonding the measures adopted with this object in view against discredit-able political intrigues calculated to political intrigues calculated to pany and who was a corporal in Bat- fourteen inches square, up to the level none but their authors and the pany and who was a corporal in Bat- fourteen inches square, up to the level tary D of the Seventieth Field Artil- of the ground.

> Where the Gold Was Found. On a day toward the end of Aug- rest on. ust, 1918, Corporal Sanders and a

"Well, as I was saying, we were out emplacement for an eight inch British stantly being compelled to waste pro- One of the rare and beautiful coins foundation was this: We dug three bolted together, and on top of them we bolted heavy plates of iron for the wheels and trail of the cannon to

"I had charge of the detail diggins



clover leaf, reads: Franciscvs: Dei: | which have been buried out of sight | ieme, whence the name which Verraz- entirely self-made man of humble fish-Gra: Franco: Rex (Francis by the for nearly four centuries probably, the zano gave to the region around New erfolk origin. Yet to-day he is of all Grace of God King of France). On the truth about Verrazzano's voyage was York. Later King Louis XII. gave French statesmen the one who plays reverse is a cross fleur-de-lisee with a obscured by doubt for nearly an equal him the title of Duke of Valois, the most important social role and wh little quatrefoil in the centre and the period, until 1809, when Count Macchi | Francis I. succeeded Louis XII. Januis seen with most favor in the salons little trefoil, reads: Xps: Vincit: di Cellere, now Italian Ambassador to Xps: Renat: Xps: Imperat (Christ the United States, discovered in his Valois line of kings, one of the first his political adversaries with suscepti-Conquers, Christ Reigns, Christ Gov- library a hitherto unknown copy of acts of his reign was to order the hility to the influence of some of the erns). In each space between the Verrazzano's manuscript letter to coinage of "écus du Dauphiné," the most notable leaders of the Paristan words of the legends are two little Francis I. describing his voyage. With coins to bear the arms of France grand monde. To a friend who the

Discovery of Verrannano's Letter.

but also possesses a peculiar interest quantly acquired he docume for Americans in general and New is called the Cellere Codex." Yorkers in particular, for it was us the first written description of our United States coast; and the dolphins name of the ship Dauphine in which Verrazzano entered New York harbor It is not generally realized that the

"This," said Dr. Hall, "is a gold which establishes beyond a doubt the crown (écu du Dauphiné) of Francis authenticity of the voyage. I have L, and is not only a rare find in itself, seen it stated that J. P. Morgan subsequantly acquired he document, which

> This "écu du Dauphiné" of Francis historical associations, possesses great

The Lilles of France. Valois, whose son was then King of which appears on Corporal Sanders's to power of that most brilliant of the France (Philip VI.). For a while coin. hereafter the second son of the King

his permission I translated and in 1910 and Dauphine quartered and the other day remarked that between the legends to begin with the coronet.

PAUL DESCHANEL, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

during the war now ended.

nember of the Senate.

Date Still in Doubt.

poral Sanders has not been ascer- marked. "It is simply my surroundestablished by means of certain dis- myself to mon milieu," meaning that tinguishing marks. The coinage of his methods had undergone a change Francis I. who, in 1524, sent out Ver- I. which the New York doughboys disrazzano, who explored and has given covered, in addition to these striking varied. He appointed what might be Adaptability and concillation are his called mint masters in his different strongest characteristics. With all provinces and required them to use that, no one would dream of charging "differences" or private marks for him with being a political weathercock their coinage, both for identification or even of being an opportunist in the The illies, the traditional emblem of and to prevent counterfeiting, for in commonly accepted sense of the word. France, were used in various numbers those days it was the cheerful custom Indeed, he is a man of remarkable peruntil Charles V. in 1376 fixed them at to burn a man alive if caught coun- sonal charm, devoid of artifice, atthree "to symbolize the Holy Trinity." terfeiting or debasing the coinage of tracting good will by his lucidity of The dolphins come originally from the the realm, and they were fair minded speech, by his transparent sincerity of coat of arms of the lords of the ancient enough to wish to burn the right man, manner and by that touch of mysprovince of Dauphine—the word Jean de la Fontaine, who was master ticism which he der is from those Dauphin being derived from the same of the atelier at La Rochelle, and Breton fisherfolk from whom he word that means delphin. Humbert II., Hugues Lamier, at Toulouse, both sprang and among whom he was born the last Lord of Dauphine, who was used in 1528 and 1539, "un petite and bred. Should be be elected Preschildless and who died in 1349, contrelle" or small trefoil at the beginning dent or be restored to office as Preveyed his possessions to Charles of of the legends, apparently like that mier we may also look for the return

> bore the title of Dauphin, but later it Membrolle was one having a head on of Cambridge University, the most one side and three lilies on the other, fascinating orator of the Chamber of Bafore Francis I. became King he which also was probably of Francis Deputies and the chairman of its Com-first bore the title of Count of Angou- I.'s coinage.